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THE FAMILY OF  
CASPER AND DOROTHEA MERLEY

Casper and Dorothea Clape Merley came to Miami County, IN from Germany in 1865. This booklet includes letters, remembrances, and names of their many descendants.

A family is a living, changing, growing entity that in no way remains constant.

The booklet is not complete. Some descendants could not be traced, and for others full information was not forthcoming. Certainly, there have been births, deaths, and marriages since this information was gathered. More needs to be known of the German origins. Quite possibly, there are mistakes in some of the names and dates gathered, although much care was taken to be as accurate as possible. Hopefully, though, this booklet can serve as a starting point in bringing together the Merley family history. If anyone knows of additional information or needed changes, please let me know.

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REMEMBRANCES

Dorothea (Dora) Clape Merley died in 1902. No one was found who remembered her personally.

Casper Merley is well-remembered, having lived until 1926. Two of his grand-children, Betty Murphy Conner and Dewey Merley, have shared these following memories of him.

Several stories are told of his coming to the United States. What is truth is no longer known. One said that there was royal blood and that his family had been wealthy in Germany. Another said that he came to escape induction into the Prussian Army. He is remembered as being deeply appreciative of the plentiful food in America which leads to conjecture that there may have been food shortages in Germany. It was also said that the reason they came on a small ship was that they were trying to leave undetected. All that is known for certain is that he did come, and that his many descendants here today can have pride in their heritage!

Casper was a scrupulous businessman. He would never borrow money, but always saved enough to pay for his wants and needs. Although they arrived in Miami County in 1865, he did not buy land until December 9, 1881. (Miami Co, Perry Twp, part N $\frac{1}{2}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 2, Town 29, Range 4, acres 73). Before buying his own farm, he worked for other farmers. He also worked as a carpenter. While building his home, he lived in a small house nearby. He would save enough money to do so much, then he would save again before going ahead. His huckleberry marsh made enough each year to pay the taxes. People would pick their own and give him a third of what was picked. He insisted that debts be paid and that affairs be handled honestly.

He liked the truth. He was never two-faced. He wasn't one to tell his troubles to others. He kept his thoughts a good deal to himself, but if someone stepped on his toes, that person was quickly told!

He was quiet and reserved, with a thick German accent. In his later years, he was not much of a talker, but when the Eiler's came to visit, he would talk a fast and furious German. He would be in bed by 8:00 pm. He would get up early and smoke his corncob pipe before breakfast.

If the grandchildren hesitated to do what work they were asked to do, he would say, "You don't work, you don't eat." A favorite expression was "Mein Got in Heb'n!"

Perhaps the best summary of his life would be the last lines of his obituary: He was a good neighbor, successful in business and though his presence will be missed by his friends, the influence of his life will no doubt be felt in the community for years to come.

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Two letters were found, both written by Caroline Herbick on July 7, 1935. The longer one is in the minutes of the Merley Reunion Book. The shorter was in the possession of several members. Here's the longer one:

I will give you a small history of the Merley family. Our parents were born and reared up in Germany and came to this Country in the fall of 1865. Came across the Ocean in a Sail ship was only on the water 10 days when the ship sank they were taken Sand\_ \_ \* Island and was there three weeks, untill another ship, came and picked them up. They were 9 weeks. on water, arriving in New York, and there came to Peru Ind. by rail, from Peru they walked to a cousin of our Grandfather by the name of Henry Merley who lived near Perrysburg, they stayed there a few weeks to clean up and rest, then they went to Marshall County to Father's (John Kuhn) Uncle Nicholas Richey, they build a log house and stayed a while, later moved in a double log house near Perryburg one year then my parents (Kuhn's) leased a 40 acre farm, mostly lumber, build a log house and barn, cleared it up in 2 yrs. and lived there 6 yrs, from there they moved back to Marshall County, where they bought a farm in 1876 and to them were born 8 children two Son and 6 Daughters, namely Infant, Luther, Cathern, Caroline, Lizzie, Mary, Anna and Ida five are still living they lived there untill Mother passed away in 1898, later Father sold the farm and went to live with his Sister Aunt Lizzie Euer (Eiler) you all knew her, he lived there 19 years he died in 1925. (All of this is about John and Catherine Merley Kuhn. Catherine was a sister of Casper's. They emigrated together.)

Uncle Casper Merley and Family leaving the double house moved on a farm near Millark and from there he bought a farm north of the Pleasant Hill School House where they both lived the rest of their days, to them were born 10 children four Son and Six Daughters. Henry, William, Charley, Frank, Cathern, Louisa, Elizebeth, Anna, Emma, and Elnora four of these are still living.

Then another Bro Vanner Merley came to this country in 1868 and settled in a neighborhood called Hill town his occupation was a well digger and later he bought a farm in the same community and he and wife lived there the rest of their days and to them were born 8 children, 5 Sons and three Daughters, Dora, Rosella, Nellie, John, George Henry, Cleve and Ora, two of these still living. (End of Letter)

(I have not been able to find records to verify dates and events mentioned in this letter, but I still feel it gives valuable information.)

\* Sanday Island is one of the northern most islands of the Orkneys off the north coast of Scotland. There were many wrecks that happened there during the days of sailboats. Several remember Casper telling that they lived off of turnips (some say potatoes) during their stay there. The island was inhabited, but the people were of little help to the stranded passengers.

OBITUARY

Casper Merley, age 86, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy Friday. Death was caused by infirmities of old age. Funeral services were held at Pleasant Hill Church Sunday afternoon, Rev. Rees officiating. Internment was made in the IOOF Cemetery.

Casper Merley, son of John and Anna Merley, was born in Germany, October 21, 1840, and passed from this life, to his eternal reward, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, December 3, 1926, at the ripe age of 86 years, 1 month, and 12 days.

At the age of fifteen, he united with the German Reformed Church.

On September 13, 1865, Mr. Merley with his wife and little son Henry, then only 18 months old, started for America from Berlin Germany, on a small sail boat in the company with 370 people. The voyage was not all pleasure for the ship when at sea was found to have sprung a serious leak; they were rescued by another boat, spent seven days on an Island after which they were picked up by another ship and brought to America where they landed at New York Nov. 28, 1865. From there, Mr. Merley with his wife and son came to Peru Indiana, from there they walked to Perrysburg 10 miles away where they made their home. He spent the rest of his life in Miami County.

He leaves to mourn his loss, seven children, Henry, William F., Mrs. Louisa Lantz, Lewis F., and Mrs. Emma Shriver, all of Akron Indiana. Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy of south of Akron, Mrs. Nora Fernbaugh of Leiters Ford. Two other children, Catherine, and Mrs. Anna Barnes, and his wife having preceeded him in death. (Charles' name should have been included here.) Also, 42 grandchildren and 38 great grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

He was a good neighbor, successful in business and though his presence will be missed by his friends, the influence of his life will no doubt be felt in the community for years to come.

"The course of my long life hath reached at last,  
In fragil Bark, O'er tempestous Sea,  
The common harbor, where must rendered be,  
Account of all the actions of the past."

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Casper's sister was Catherine Merley Kuhn. In her obituary, it states that she was born in Bearfer, Germany, the Kingdom of Prussia, in 1838. This may have been Casper's birthplace as well, but it is not on any existing maps that have been examined. His brother Verner was stated to be born near Hasse Castle, Germany in 1843. Neither is it on existing maps.

OBITUARY

Dorothea Merley died suddenly at her home in Perry township Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock. She had been enjoying good health and at the time of her death was romping on the floor with a little grand-daughter when she was seized with heart failure and expired in a few minutes.

Mrs. Merley was born in Rhine Road, Germany, June 4, 1840, and came to America with her husband, Casper Merley, and one son, Henry Merley, in December, 1865. They moved at once onto a farm near Mexico and spent the remainder of their lives in the north end of the county.

Nine children survive. They are Henry Merley, who resides in Peru; F. W. Merley, of Macy; Charles, L.F., Louisa Lantz, Anna Barnes and Emma Shriver, who reside in Fulton county, and Elizabeth Murphy and Nora Merley, both of Perry township.

The funeral occurred Sunday at 11 o'clock at the Evangelical church near the old homestead, conducted by Rev. Lutes, assisted by Riley Conner. (died December 19, 1902)

THE CHILDREN OF CASPER AND DOROTHEA MERLEY

- I. Henry
- II. Catherine/Kathryn
- III. William
- IV. Charles
- V. Louisa Lantz
- VI. Elizabeth (Liz) Murphy
- VII. Lewis Franklin (Frank)
- VIII. Anna M. Barnes
- IX. Mary Emma Sriver
- X. Elnora (Nora) Fernbaugh



Sitting: Casper, Nora, Henry, Dorothea

Standing: Anna, William, Louisa, Emma, Frank, Liz, Charles

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I. HENRY MERLEY

Henry was born on June 8, 1864, in Germany. He was 18 months old when the family came to Indiana. He led a varied life. He enlisted in the U.S. Infantry in Minnesota in Oct. 1889. In Nov. 1890, he married Maggy Daggy in Miami Co, IN. He worked as a mail carrier out of Peru and operated a restaurant in Akron. About 1914, he went to Spokane, WA where he owned his own barbershop. His second marriage to Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ took place there. His several ventures were all successful for he was the kind of man who could make a business success of whatever he did.

During his last illness, he went to the Soldier's Home in Washington, D.C. He died there on Jan 31, 1930. He had a military funeral and was buried in Arlington Cemetary.

Henry and Maggy had three children.

- A. Ross (b. Oct 21, 1891) (d. Dec 5, 1922)
- B. Edna (b. Feb 7, 1894) (d. 1979)
- C. Paul (b. 1896) (d. Mar 23, 1901)

- A. Ross married Nellie Covert Beezley about 1916. They had 2 children
  - 1. Ross Elbert, Jr. (b. Apr 7, 1918) (d. Sept 3, 1949)  
married Ella Schidler
    - a. Barbara Jean (b. Jun 18, 1946)  
married Larry G. Keating on Dec 21, 1969
    - b. Candy Ann (b. July 16, 1949)  
first married Lonnie Bever
      - 1) Wendy (b. Aug 19, 1969)
      - then married Eric Bradley on Dec 30, 1976
  - 2. Lois Katherine (b. Aug 14, 1920)  
first married Harold Lee Samson on Dec 24, 1948
    - a. Stephen Allan (b. Nov 20, 1942)  
married Judith McDonald on Sept 24, 1966
      - 1) Rhonda Marie (b. Apr 12, 1967)
      - 2) Mark Allen (b. Dec 10, 1971)
    - b. David Wayne (b. Jan 22, 1947)  
married Katherine Louise Sexton on Aug 14, 1970
      - 1) Nikki Lynn (b. Jan 20, 1973)
      - 2) Lori Anne (b. Oct 12, 1976)
    - c. Susan Lee (b. Mar 20, 1949)  
first married Allan Herbert Jennings
      - 1) Allan Wayne (b. Jan 24, 1969)
      - 2) Robert Thomas (b. Aug 1, 1972)
      - 3) Ronny Matthew (b. Dec 2, 1974)
      - then married Neil Thomas on Aug 10, 1981
      - 4) Joseph Brian (b. Feb 25, 1982)
    - d. Robert Harold (b. Jun 23, 1952)  
  
then married Richard Kerlikowski on Jun 1, 1966
- B. Edna married Charles Joseph Barnhart and then Charles Bostwick
  - 1. Paul (no information available)
  - 2. Joseph (died in infancy)

II. CATHERINE/KATHERN

Catherine was born about 1866 and died before 1930.\*

One family story is that she died about the age of 4 and is buried in an unmarked grave to the south of Casper and Dora's grave in the Akron IOOF cemetery.

\* She was listed in the 1870 census as a four-year-old.  
She was not listed in the 1880 census.



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III. WILLIAM MERLEY

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William was born on May 13, 1867 near Millark, Fulton Co. He spent most of his life farming in that area. He always had a smile on his face. He loved to joke. He was very pleasant company. He did much to help Casper in Casper's later years.

He first married Mary Emma Musselman who died in 1916. He then married Berdella Bammerlin in 1918. He died at his farm southwest of Akron on March 14, 1929 of heart trouble and erysipelas; he is buried at the IOOF in Akron.

William and Emma had four children.

- A. Ralph (b. Jan 12, 1892) (d. Jan 1936)
- B. Ruby Gail (b. Apr 3, 1898)
- C. Sam (b. 1900) (d. Dec 1980)
- D. Juel (b. 1906) (d. 1907)

William and Berdella had two children.

- E. Dorothea (b. Jul 22, 1919)
- F. Mary Elizabeth (b. Mar 20, 1926)

- A. Ralph married Rella Faun Hire on Apr 28, 1917. They had 2 childr
  - 1. Erdine Jane (b. May 16, 1919) (d. 1949)  
married George Burkenpas in 1944
    - a. June Dallas (b. 1948)  
married Bruce Gorsky
  - 2. Gene Allan (b. Mar 9, 1922)  
married Dot Witchman (Dorothy Ann) in 1943
    - a. Janice Ann (b. Sept 19, 1947)  
married Jack Downing in 1974
      - 1) Jamieson (b. 1976)
    - b. Larry Alan (b. Apr 10, 1950)
    - c. Margaret Ann (b. Apr 1, 1958)

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III. WILLIAM MERLEY (continued)

B. Ruby Gail married Orville Merl Sheuman on May 18, 1917.  
They had 3 children.

1. Ralph Ernest (b. Oct 2, 1917)  
married Edna May Butterbaugh on Jul 1, 1936
  - a. Stanley (b. Feb 11, 1937)  
married Carol Ann Dickey on Nov 21, 1958
  - b. Harold (b. Jul 3, 1938)  
married Janice Ellis on Sept 1, 1957
    - 1) Sheila (b. Apr 14, 1957)  
married Greg Kindig on Oct 7, 1974
    - 2) Dwight (b. Nov 7, 1961)
    - 3) Darrell (b. Feb 12, 1963)
  - c. Connie (b. Jun 26, 1940)  
married Sherry Heighway on May 10, 1959
    - 1) Ronald (b. May 29, 1960)  
married Peggy Parker on Oct 20, 1979  
(a) Nathan Andrew (b. Jun 14, 1982)
    - 2) Jennifer (b. Nov 13, 1967)
  - d. Royce (b. Nov 21, 1954)  
married Sally Leckrone on Sept 1, 1974
    - 1) Ryan (b. Apr 19, 1980 - adopted)
    - 2) Chad (b. Jul 4, 1981)
2. William Burton (b. Nov 9, 1921)  
married Mary R. Sowers on Apr 11, 1945
  - a. Errol Lynn (b. May 18, 1946)
  - b. William Merl (b. Dec 29, 1947)  
married Lorraine Robson on Nov 9, 1974
    - 1) William Mason (b. Mar 6, 1978)
    - 2) Peter McClain (b. Jun 6, 1979)
  - c. Diane Kay (b. Aug 8, 1952)  
married Dennis Hahn on Nov 1, 1970
    - 1) Stacie Lynn (b. Mar 4, 1971)
    - 2) Dennis Brady (b. Jul 15, 1973) (d. May 16, 1974)
    - 3) Darcie Ann (b. Aug 5, 1974 - adopted 1975)
    - 4) Darin Lee (b. Aug 5, 1974 - adopted 1975) (d. Oct 15, 1975)
    - 5) Dennis Judd (b. Jun 3, 1977)
  - d. Kevin Lee (b. May 7, 1955) (d. Oct 29, 1974)  
married Ellen Mills on Jan 6, 1974
    - 1) Burton Lewis (b. Jun 28, 1974)
3. Norma Lee (b. Sept 10, 1925)  
married Blaine Kinley on Oct 18, 1945
  - a. Carla Jayne (b. Oct 9, 1949)  
married Bruce Musselman on Apr 5, 1969
    - 1) Todd Jason (b. Mar 27, 1972)
    - 2) Rodney Jay (b. Apr 19, 1973)
    - 3) Brad Lee (b. Aug 11, 1976)
  - b. Dennis (b. Mar 22, 1948)

III. WILLIAM MERLEY (continued)

- C. Sam married June Bish in 1922. They had no children.
- D. Juel died in infancy.
- E. Dortha Madeline married Dallas Kitson on Dec 1, 1945.  
They had 2 children.
  - 1. Lucy Kay (b. Oct 4, 1947)  
married Paul Jobin on Aug 3, 1974
    - a. Meredith Lynn (b. Aug 16, 1976)
    - b. Molly Tisha (b. Jul 11, 1978)
  - 2. Susan Jo (b. Oct 5, 1948)  
married Jim Snider on Apr 12, 1969
    - a. Jeffery Scott (b. Feb 18, 1972)
    - b. Benjamin James (b. Dec 12, 1973)
- F. Mary Elizabeth married Vernon Derring on Jul 31, 1945.  
They had 3 children.
  - 1. Mary Catherine (b. Jul 23, 1947)  
married Russell Koppang on Jun 7, 1969
    - a. Eric John (b. Jan 19, 1975)
    - b. Paul Vernon (b. Jun 18, 1977)
  - 2. Della Gene (b. Oct 27, 1948)  
married David Billingsley on Oct 27, 1979
    - a. Vernon Gene (b. May 20, 1980)
  - 3. Doris Dorothy (b. Jan 15, 1950)  
married Kenneth Morse on May 30, 1981

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IV. CHARLES MERLEY

Charles was born near Millark in Miami Co. on Nov 4, 1870. He married Sarah Snider on Jun 15, 1895. They lived for a short time in Akron, and then bought a farm  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile west of town. They later bought another farm nearer Akron. He was a successful farmer. He was a very likeable person who would respond to any favor asked of him. He died on Sept 13, 1913 at his farm of cancer of the stomach. He is buried at IOOF in Akron. Sarah was the last of the Merley aunts to die. She lived to be 90 and died in 1964.

Charles and Sarah had 4 children.

- A. Adolph (b. 1895) (d. Dec 25, 1918)
- B. Dewey Solomon (b. Nov 8, 1898)
- C. Mary Hazel (b. Dec 31, 1900) (d. Jun 13, 1967)
- D. Casper Leroy (b. Oct 29, 1909)

A. Adolph never married.

B. Dewey Solomon married Gladys Gwendolyn Arter on Jun 22, 1918. They had 2 children.

- 1. Mary Irene (b. Aug 24, 1919)
  - married Verl Wesley Rager on Dec 24, 1937
  - a. Verla Jean (b. Sept 2, 1938)
    - married Darrell Eugene Rice on Jul 21, 1963
    - 1) Bonnie Jean (b. Jun 11, 1964) (d. Mar 16, 1981)
    - 2) David Eugene (b. May 19, 1967)
  - b. Eldon LeRoy (b. Aug 12, 1941)
    - married Jenean Kay Foor on Jul 7, 1967
    - 1) Melissa Renee (b. Sept 19, 1970)
    - 2) Kelli Anne (b. Dec 12, 1973)
    - 3) Christopher Matthew (b. Aug 16, 1975)
  - c. Phillip Harold (b. Sept 16, 1946)
    - married Susan Elizabeth Charles on Jun 12, 1976
    - 1) Stephanie Lynn (b. May 25, 1979)
    - 2) Michael Andrew (b. Oct 3, 1980)
  - d. Laura Louise (b. Sept 12, 1948)
    - married Calvin Dale Reese on Aug 24, 1970
    - 1) Steven Edward (b. Nov 14, 1973)
    - 2) Ryan Dale (b. Jun 19, 1978)
    - 3) Shari Lenee (b. Jul 3, 1980)
- 2. Charles William (Bill) married Catherine Sands on May 4, 1947. They had 4 children.
  - a. Bill, Jr. (b. 1949)
  - b. John (b. 1952)
    - married Donita Pressel
    - 1) Eric (b. 1971)
    - 2) Shannon (b. 1973)
  - c. Mark (b. 1957)
    - married Sherry Harmless
    - 1) Kimberly (b. 1979)
  - d. Brent (b. 1960)

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IV. CHARLES MERLEY (continued)

- C. Mary Hazel first married Emmet Edward Taylor, Sr. on Oct 25, 1919  
They had 4 children.
1. GeNelle Erdean (b. Oct 4, 1920)  
married Earl Hoffman on Jul 3, 1938
    - a. Larry Lynn (b. Dec 16, 1938)  
married Sandra Saygus
      - 1) April (b. Apr 2, 1962)
      - 2) Mark (b. Apr 2, 1964)
    - b. Karna Kay (b. Sept 21, 1941)  
married Bob Dubois on Mar 28, 1964
      - 1) Lene'e (b. Jun 27, 1967)
      - 2) Dustin (b. Feb 16, 1970)
    - c. Ronald Eugene (b. Nov 10, 1943)  
married JoAnn Brofford on Jun 18, 1965
      - 1) Todd Eugene (b. Nov 24, 1965)
      - 2) Corey Joe (b. May 5, 1969)
      - 3) Lori Lynn (b. Aug 14, 1978)
    - d. Jackie (b. Apr 23, 1950)
  2. Charles John (b. Dec 3, 1925)  
married Betty Eugene Utter on Jul 26, 1947
    - a. Stephen Allen (b. Mar 21, 1948)  
married Linda Lee Starr on May 7, 1973
      - 1) Tracy Lynn (b. Nov 3, 1961-adopted by Stephen)  
married Leland Bruce on Apr 2, 1982
      - 2) Stephanie Starr (b. Dec 16, 1964-adopted by Stephen)
    - b. Clennon Eugene (b. Mar 21, 1949)  
married Linda Louise Farris on Dec 12, 1970
      - 1) Jeffrey Scott (b. Aug 30, 1971)
      - 2) Bradley Eugene (b. Aug 10, 1973)
    - c. Terry Lee (b. Nov 17, 1954)  
married Teresa Kaye Keyser on Aug 19, 1978
      - 1) Trish Neda (b. Jan 22, 1978)
      - 2) Timothy Nickolas (b. Sept 14, 1981)
  3. Norma Lee (b. Apr 21, 1928)  
married Vernon Dye on May 8, 1948  
(Vernon had 2 children by his first marriage)
  4. Emmet E. Jr. (b. Jul 19, 1929)  
married Marjorie Ruth Young on Aug 6, 1949
    - a. Randal Edward (b. May 24, 1950)  
married Jean Chin on Jun 15, 1974
      - 1) Randal Jr. (b. Oct 9, 1968)
    - b. Deborah Ann (b. Jun 5, 1955)  
married John C. Schuler on Apr 21, 1978
      - 1) Joseph Robert (b. Mar 24, 1980)
      - 2) John Tyler (b. Nov 2, 1981)
    - c. Norma Kristine (b. May 31, 1966)
- Emmet died in 1940. Mary Hazel then married Everet Plotner.
- D. Casper Leroy married Betty Rinard on Jun 25, 1982.

V. LOUISA MERLEY LANTZ

Louisa was born on a farm near Denver, IN on July 2, 1871. She married Joseph Lantz on Sept 2, 1893 at Denver. They lived on farms in Fulton and Miami counties all of their lives. She was a member of the Methodist faith. Her husband worked on the railroad section. She loved company and made everyone feel welcomed. She was an extraordinary housekeeper and made good bread. She was close to her sisters. She died on Feb 17, 1938, having suffered two strokes within two weeks of her death.

Louisa and Joseph had 8 children.

- A. Ernest (b. Mar 31, 1894) (d. Jun 20, 1955)
  - B. Eva (b. c1896) (d. Sept 1954)
  - C. Ira (b. 1898) (d. c1973)
  - D. John (b. Mar 26, 1900) (d. Feb 28, 1982)
  - E. Emma Rozella (b. Mar 1, 1902) (d. Nov 1980)
  - F. Willis (b. 1905) (d. 1971)
  - G. Herbert (b. 1907)
  - H. Joe (b. 1912) (d. 1971)
- A. Ernest married Mary Hammeril on Sept 28, 1920. They had 2 children.
- 1. Mary Jane (b. Jul 16, 1921) (d. Mar 20, 1975)  
married Richard Drudge in 1940
    - a. Diane (b. 1942)  
married Don Medlen in 1960
      - 1) Richard Allen (b. 1961)
      - 2) Michiel (b. 1962)
      - 3) Mark (b. 1964)
      - 4) Jeffrey (b. 1966)
    - b. Dennis Frederick (b. 1946)  
married Peggy Rhodes in 1969
      - 1) Chris (b. 1970)
      - 2) Cori (b. 1972)
      - 3) Coren (b. 1975)
    - c. Charles Dale (b. 1950)  
married Darlene Sparks in 1975
      - 1) Amanda (b. 1979)
      - 2) Erin (b. 1981)
  - 2. Harry Frederick (b. Aug 6, 1923)  
married Geraldine Stout in 1949
    - a. Steven Frederick (b. May 26, 1950)
    - b. Stanley Lee (b. Aug 29, 1951)  
married Sheila Enyart in 1975
      - 1) Jason (b. 1978)
      - 2) Lindsey (b. 1980)
- B. Eva never married.
- C. Ira/Iri married Marie Wynn-divorced.
- 1. Everett
  - 2. Franklin  
(information not complete)

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- V. LOUISA MERLEY LANTZ (continued)
- D. John never married.
- E. Emma married Lloyd Geiger. They had 5 children.
  - 1. Donnabelle (b. Dec 13, 1920)  
first married Harold Glenn Wiltshire on Aug 19, 1934
    - a. Arch Lloyd (b. Aug 29, 1938)  
married Carol Bronice on Jun 19, 1963
      - 1) Kristi Ann (b. May 9, 1971)
      - 2) Britt Alan (b. Apr 11, 1973)
    - b. Renee K. (b. Feb 2, 1944)  
married William David Dawalt in Oct 1962
      - 1) William Stacey (b. Mar 14, 1965)
      - 2) Tony Lee (b. Sept 29, 1967)
    - c. Harold Glen (b. Oct 5, 1945)  
married Patricia Ann Beecher on Oct 9, 1965
      - 1) Paula (b. Apr 10, 1968)
      - 2) Nichole (b. Oct 6, 1973)
    - d. Marlene K. (b. Jun 21, 1949) (d. Jan 1967)  
  
second marriage of Donnabelle's was to Orrel W. Newell
  - 2. Marlene Kay (b. Aug 11, 1937)  
married Ronald Orrin Harr on Nov 5, 1955
    - a. Rona Marlene (b. Mar 19, 1956)
    - b. Darcy Ann (b. May 27, 1958)  
married Richard Sosa on Mar 17, 1977
      - 1) Ronald Paul (b. Oct 13, 1978)
  - 3. Joyce Ann  
married Mr. Scott
    - a. Stephen
  - 4. Barbara Lou (b. Nov 30, 1938)  
married Donald G. Watson on Jul 6, 1955
    - a. Deborah Lynn (b. Dec 20, 1956)  
married Stephen D. Ward on Aug 20, 1977
    - b. Wendy Leigh (b. Sept 6, 1959)  
married Jeffery Eric Thomas on Apr 17, 1982
  - 5. Joseph Lloyd (b. Mar 29, 1943)  
married Deanna Sue Severe on Mar 15, 1963
    - a. Tammy Sue (b. Dec 8, 1960)  
married Lorenzo Aquilera on Sept 18, 1977
      - 1) Erica Rochelle
    - b. Tressa Darlene (b. Sept 12, 1964)
    - c. Joseph Lloyd (b. Feb 28, 1970)
- F. Willis first married Nora Ruth. No complete information.
  - 1. Jack
  - 2. Barbara married Mr. Wright
- G. Herbert - no complete information
- H. Joe never married.

VI. ELIZABETH (LIZ) MERLEY MURPHY

Liz was born in Miami Co. on April 1, 1873. She died on December 23, 1940 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Jamison, in Elkhart. Death was due to paralysis and she was critically ill for one week. She is buried at the IOOF at Akron. Liz married David Murphy, a farmer, on December 23, 1890 in Miami Co. They lived in the Akron area, Elkhart, and Michigan. In 1921, Liz and her 3 youngest daughters went to live with Casper on his home farm until his death in 1926. Liz then returned to Elkhart. After her youngest was married, she lived for short periods of time with her different children, both in Indiana and Washington state. She always said her children were her wealth. She was a broad-minded person and a deeply Christian woman who was loved by all who knew her.

Liz and David had 9 children.

- A. Casper Earl (b. Aug 21, 1891) (d. Jul 29, 1966)
- B. Donnabelle (b. Apr 13, 1893) (d. May 4, 1973)
- C. William Frank (b. Apr 21, 1895) (d. Dec 23, 1952)
- D. Warren Lester (Pat) (b. Apr 20, 1897) (d. Jan 31, 1973)
- E. Orpha Elanora (b. Jun 3, 1900)
- F. Maude (died at age 3)
- G. Betsy (Betty) (b. Feb 17, 1905)
- H. Blanche Elizabeth (b. c1908) (d. Jun 25, 1937)
- I. Bertha Louise (b. Sept 1, 1911)

- A. Casper Earl married Rose Mais on Sept 2, 1917.  
They had 2 children.

- 1. Jane E. (b. Dec 31, 1918)  
married James Switalski on Sept 21, 1942
  - a. Marie T. (b. Jan 28, 1945) (d. Oct 27, 1975)
  - b. Edward E. (b. Nov 29, 1948)

- 2. James Casper (b. Jun 17, 1926)  
married Louise Gogel on Aug 16, 1960

- B. Donnabelle married Frank R. Jamison on Dec 29, 1917.  
They had 4 children.

- 1. Rex (died in infancy)
- 2. Willard Franklin (b. Aug 13, 1920)  
married Pattie J. Plummer on Dec 26, 1949
  - a. James W. (b. Jun 17, 1950)  
married Leona Houghin on Jun 13, 1973
  - b. Jack E. (b. Aug 19, 1951)  
married Jeryl Cripe on Oct 28, 1978
  - c. Judie A. (b. Jan 9, 1953)  
married David Herendeen on Sept 22, 1973
    - 1) Courtney (b. Dec 3, 1975)
    - 2) Kellie (b. Jun 28, 1980)



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VI. ELIZABETH (LIZ) MERLEY MURPHY (continued)

B. Donnabelle (continued)

3. William Edward (b. Aug 13, 1920)  
married Ellen Slough on Mar 27, 1948
  - a. John William (b. Feb 17, 1949)  
married Teresa Tague
    - 1) Brian Christopher (b. Aug 16, 1972)
    - 2) Jill Christinn (b. Nov 28, 1977)
  - b. Jeffery Ray (b. Jun 23, 1950)  
married Rhonda Pierce
    - 1) Melissa Shawn (b. Mar 9, 1972)
    - 2) Michael Todd (b. Sept 11, 1976)
  - c. Jerry Lee (b. Sept 15, 1952)  
married Kathy DeFreeze
    - 1) Sarah Brooke (b. Oct 7, 1980)
    - 2) Emily Lynn (b. Aug 27, 1974)
  - d. Larry Edward (b. Sept 27, 1953)  
married Jane Pomroy
    - 1) Tamara Jane (b. Nov 30, 1968)
  - e. Cynthia Sue (b. Dec 30, 1954)  
married Larry Allen Craigo
    - 1) Jason Allen (b. Apr 10, 1978)
    - 2) Dustin Adam (b. Apr 7, 1982)
4. Richard Raymond (b. Nov 8, 1919)  
first married Doris Ellen Miller on Oct 26, 1946 (d. 1968);  
then married Norma E. Harvey on Oct 5, 1974
  - a. Sally Jo (b. Dec 29, 1948)  
married Michael S. Soloke on Oct 16, 1971
    - 1) Nicole Renee (b. Sept 10, 1981)
  - b. Nancy Lynn (b. Apr 1, 1956)  
married Stephen Wilkey on Dec 21, 1974
    - 1) Matthew Stephen (b. Apr 12, 1978)

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VI. ELIZABETH (LIZ) MERLEY MURPHY (continued)

- C. William (Frank) married Ruth Mae Bixler on Oct 21, 1915.  
They had 6 children.
1. Robert L. (b. Nov 19, 1916)  
married Frances Cichocki on Dec 31, 1943
    - a. R. Britt (b. Dec 25, 1945)  
married Judy Zelmer in Apr 1969
      - 1) Bradley Michel
      - 2) Jamie Lee
    - b. William Philip (b. May 17, 1952)  
married Diana Hayes in Oct 1976
      - 1) Brian Mitchel
    - c. Laura Ruth (b. Aug 14, 1959)
    - d. Susan Elaine (b. Jun 20, 1961)
  2. Harold Eugene (b. Dec 7, 1917) (d. Jan 5, 1978)  
married Frances Elizabeth (Betty) Niblock in 1938
    - a. Betsy Ann (b. Aug 18, 1943)  
married David Dhuyvetter in 1966
      - 1) Scott (b. Aug 26, 1967)
      - 2) Sean (b. Jan 19, 1970)
    - b. Michael Eugene (b. Jan 20, 1946)
  3. Charles Edward (b. Jun 8, 1921)  
married Hazel Cattell on Jul 25, 1942
    - a. Sharon Ann (b. Jul 5, 1943)  
married George Baker
      - 1) Kimberly (b. Mar 9, 1965)
      - 2) Laura (b. Jun 27, 1968)
      - 3) Michelle (b. Jan 14, 1971)
    - b. Linda Jane (b. Oct 30, 1955)  
married David Slagle on Jul 2, 1977
    - c. Ronald Patrick (b. Sept 4, 1952)  
married Helen Lynch on Oct 2, 1976
      - 1) Kathryn Lynn (b. May 24, 1982)
    - d. Mary Louise (b. Nov 8, 1956)  
married Jack Tallevast on Aug 21, 1982
  4. Dean Ellis (b. Mar 27, 1929)  
married Jeanette Corriless in 1949
    - a. David (b. May, 1951)  
married Angela Little in 1975
      - 1) Tara (b. Apr, 1977)
      - 2) Meghan (b. Mar, 1982)
    - b. Daniel (b. Mar, 1954)  
married Deborah German in 1973
      - 1) Joshua (b. Feb, 1975)
      - 2) Christina (b. Aug, 1977)

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VI. ELIZABETH (LIZ) MERLEY MURPHY (continued)

C. William (Frank) (continued)

5. Ralph Allen (b. Nov 1, 1922)  
first married Louise Caskey  
then married Betty Hill
  - a. Kathleen K. (b. Apr 21, 1947)  
married Robert Wall in Jun 1970
    - 1) Ryan (b. Sept 23, 1972)
    - 2) Sean (b. Sept 23, 1972)
  - b. Patrick (b. Feb 19, 1950)  
married Trudie Stebblesfield in Sept, 1978
    - 1) Kelly (b. Dec 31, 1979)
6. Rosemarie (b. Jun 28, 1927)  
married Douglas Bradley (divorced)
  - a. Kim Douglas (b. May 4, 1951)
  - b. Kay Murphy (b. Sept 16, 1953)  
married Allen McDonald in 1972
    - 1) Maggie (b. 1974)
    - 2) Ginger (b. 1977)
  - c. Jeff Dorrance (b. Aug 10, 1956)  
married Janean Dove in 1974
    - 1) Jeffrey Lee (b. 1978)
    - 2) Heather Marie (b. 1979)

D. Warren Lester (Pat) married Vera Rose Croshaw on Feb 15, 1922.  
They had 2 children.

1. Patricia Rose (b. Oct 27, 1925)  
married Ronald G. Hatch on Dec 28, 1946
  - a. Jeffrey Ronald (b. Jan 28, 1948)  
married Joy \_\_\_\_\_
    - 1) Griffin Ronald (b. Aug 6, 1977)
    - 2) Cameron William (b. Dec 5, 1978)
    - 3) Jill Hilary (b. Jul 24, 1980)
  - b. Ronda Lee (b. Jul 31, 1951)  
married David Drury
    - 1) Chad David (b. Sept 11, 1976)
    - 2) Craig Ryan (b. Feb 4, 1981)
  - c. Dana Patrice (b. Dec 3, 1965)
2. Jacqueline L. (b. Jan 18, 1929)  
married Richard W. Nicholls in 1953
  - a. Richard Warren (b. Feb 12, 1955)
  - b. Randall Lynn (b. Aug 27, 1958)
  - c. Jody Lee (b. Nov 21, 1966)

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VI. ELIZABETH (LIZ) MERLEY MURPHY (continued)

- E. Orpha Elanora married Roy B. Stametz in 1919.  
They had 2 children.
    - 1. June (b. Jul 30, 1920)  
first married Flurian Locker; then married Leonard Ross
      - a. William (b. Nov 15, 1942)  
married Mary Zook
        - 1) Brett (b. Sept 16, 1968)
        - 2) Patrick (b. Nov 17, 1970)
    - b. James (b. Apr 11, 1947)
  - 2. Virginia (b. Jan 21, 1921)  
married John Primmer
    - a. Janice Marie  
married Jack Yost
- F. Maude - died at age 3
- G. Betsy/Betty married Merrill Conner. She had 1 daughter by a previous marriage.
  - 1. Arliss Jean (b. Oct 13, 1927)  
married Bill Carson on Apr 5, 1950
    - a. Teresa Rebel (b. Jul 10, 1952)  
married Dennis Cassel
      - 1) Shane Nye (b. Jan 27, 1970)
  - b. Daniel Merrill (b. Feb 20, 1954)
  - c. Bruce Wade (b. Jul 6, 1956)
  - d. Susan Jo (b. Apr 29, 1960)
- H. Blanche married Harold Washington. They had 3 children.
  - 1. Gordon Lee (b. Dec 30, 1926)  
married Marilyn Frick
    - a. Deidre Louise (b. Jan 29, 1952)  
married Jack R. Morton
    - b. David Duane (b. Sept 29, 1960)  
married June Maxwell
  - 2. Jack Duane (b. Jul 1, 1928)  
married Helen Knitter
    - a. Cheryl Ann (b. Nov 28, 1955)  
married Larry G. Spero
    - b. Karen Sue (b. Jun 23, 1957)  
married Harold Boyer

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VI. ELIZABETH (LIZ) MERLEY MURPHY (continued)

H. Blanche (continued)

3. George David (b. Aug 3, 1930)  
married Shirley Arlene Sherman
  - a. Michael David (b. Sept 3, 1952)  
married Deborah Kay Applegate on May 6, 1978  
1) Heather Leigh (b. Feb 17, 1979)
  - b. Daniel Lee (b. Nov, 1955)  
married Diane Becker on Jan 29, 1973  
1) Dustin Lee (b. Jan 11, 1978)
  - c. Laura Ann (b. Aug, 1956)  
married Steven Paul Russell on Apr 12, 1975  
1) Joby Paul (b. Nov 23, 1977)  
2) Charles Edward (b. Jan 27, 1982)
  - d. Kathern Arlene (b. Jan 19, 1959)  
married Harvey Rosenfeld on Jan 5, 1980
  - e. Tedd Allen (b. Jan 19, 1960)  
married Joanne Bruzas on Jan 19, 1979  
1) Eric Allen (b. Feb 2, 1980)
  - f. Kenn Arthur (b. Mar 9, 1961)
  - g. Ronn Lee (b. Feb, 1962)

I. Bertha Louise married Harland W. Shunk Sr. on Apr 17, 1930.  
They had 2 children.

1. Mary Elizabeth (b. Nov 2, 1930)  
married Edward Black on Sept 20, 1952 - divorced
  - a. Edward B. Jr. (b. May 23, 1957)
  - b. Elizabeth L. (b. Aug 31, 1961)
2. Harland, Jr. (b. Dec 23, 1932)  
married Dorothy Tushar on Aug 29, 1953
  - a. Harland W. III (b. Jan 20, 1957)  
married Joyce Kaston on Aug 22, 1980
  - b. Paul Charles (b. Apr 8, 1959)
  - c. Adam Patrick (b. May 16, 1960)
  - d. Jane Caroline (b. Dec 4, 1962)

VII. LEWIS FRANKLIN MERLEY

Frank was born near Millark on June 23, 1876. He married Daisy Whittenberger on January 11, 1896. He was a farmer and they lived on the Akron-Rochester Road. He was a lovable person who laughed a lot. He was a good provider and did a lot to help Casper in his later years. He died on October 16, 1944 after a year's illness. He is buried at the IOOF in Akron.

Frank and Daisy had 3 children.

- A. Sarah Mae (b. Apr 14, 1896) (d. Sept 13, 1935)
- B. Nyle (b. May 26, 1899) (d. Jun 6, 1973)
- C. William Donald (b. Jul 21, 1901) (d. 1975)

- A. Sarah married Robert Arthur Currie on May 30, 1920.  
They had 9 children.

- 1. Virginia (b. Apr 2, 1923)  
married Lonus B. Wise on May 16, 1942
  - a. Christine Ann (b. Jan 30, 1947)  
married Jon Fultz on Aug 9, 1969
    - 1) Brent Alan (b. Aug 26, 1971)
    - 2) Brian Andrew (b. Nov 28, 1976)
  - b. Michael Lynn (b. Jan 26, 1950)
  - c. Nedra Elaine (b. Oct 14, 1953)  
married Bruce Messmore on Mar 3, 1973
    - 1) Lori Leann (b. Aug 21, 1973)
    - 2) Julie Renae (b. Feb 26, 1977)
- 2. twin girls (b. Apr 1921) (died at birth)
- 3. twin boys (b. May 3, 1922) (died at birth)
- 4. a girl (b. Jul 26, 1924) (died at birth)
- 5. twin girls (b. Aug 24, 1925) (died at birth)
- 6. a girl (b. Aug 1, 1926) (died at birth)

- B. Nyle married Edith Glen Smith on Sept 4, 1918.  
They had 5 children.

- 1. Robert Dean (b. Jul 13, 1920)  
married June Bartmess on Jun 18, 1944
  - a. Bobby (b. 1948)  
married Margaret Masterson in 1972
    - 1) Scott (b. 1967-adopted by Bobby)
  - b. Connie Lou (b. 1951)
  - c. Bonnie Sue (b. 1951)  
married Gary McDonnough
  - d. Debra Kay (b. 1954)  
married Jerry Mulligan-divorced
    - 1) Kyle (b. 1979)

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VII. LEWIS FRANKLIN MERLEY (continued)

B. Nyle (continued)

2. Martha Jean (b. May 3, 1922)  
married George J. (Bud) Henning on Sept 1, 1945
  - a. Roger William (b. Jul 17, 1948)  
married Elizabeth Kuemmel on Feb 7, 1969
    - 1) Patrick Michael (b. Dec 17, 1970)
    - 2) Heather Marie (b. Aug 23, 1973)
  - b. Georgiann (b. Apr 16, 1946)  
married Richard Pavlons on Apr 27, 1968
    - 1) Richard David (b. Feb 6, 1969)
    - 2) David John (b. Apr 10, 1971)
    - 3) Stephanie Jean (b. Feb 19, 1978)
  - c. Janice Nylene (b. May 10, 1951)  
married William H. Mosher on Sept 12, 1981
  - d. Ronald Earl (b. Aug 14, 1952)  
married Elizabeth Hayes on Oct 5, 1975-divorced
    - 1) Joshua Moses (b. Jan 29, 1976)
3. Ted (b. Apr 13, 1924)  
married Letha Mae Newcomer on Oct 24, 1944
  - a. Suzan Kay (b. Sept 4, 1945)  
married Lowell Fincher on Jul 13, 1963
    - 1) Jody Lynn (b. Oct 28, 1966-adopted)
    - 2) Lowell Andrew (b. Feb 14, 1969)
    - 3) Tracy Lee Ann (b. Aug 6, 1971)
  - b. Cheryl Ann (b. Sept 29, 1947)
  - c. Karen Lee (b. Mar 7, 1949)  
married Bill Fisher-divorced
    - 1) Todd Allen (b. Mar 14, 1973)
4. Joanne (b. May 9, 1925)  
married Ronald Hiles on Jul 25, 1948
  - a. Ronald Joe (b. Aug 4, 1949) (d. Nov, 1949)
  - b. Kathryn Adele (b. Jul 15, 1956)  
married Porter Rodger McCullough on Dec 22, 1972
    - 1) Heather Lee (b. Jun 24, 1973)
    - 2) Eric Ryan (b. Apr 26, 1975)
    - 3) Marissa Jo (b. Nov 22, 1976)
5. Patricia Lou (b. Aug 1, 1926)  
first married Richard M. Talbott on Sept 4, 1948-  
he died in 1954  
then married Edwin V. Johnson on Apr 5, 1957
  - a. Beth Ann (b. Jan 19, 1958)
  - b. Becky Sue (b. May 19, 1960)

VII. LEWIS FRANKLIN MERLEY (continued)

- C. Don married Mary Hart on Jun 12, 1926. They had 1 child.
  - 1. Doris Ann (b. Mar 9, 1930)  
married Leslie Emerson Wilkinson on Sept 2, 1950
    - a. Gregg Ross (b. Nov 13, 1951)  
married Pauletta Mae Yoder on Jun 10, 1972
      - 1) Heather Nicole (b. Dec 28, 1978)
      - 2) Justin Clark (b. Aug 24, 1980)
  - b. Nancilee (b. Jul 11, 1954)  
married Stephen Michael Spangler on Jun 28, 1960



VIII. ANNA M. MERLEY BARNES

Anna was born at Millark on September 28, 1878 and died of cancer on December 24, 1921. She married John A. Barnes in Miami Co. on March 21, 1900. They lived near Akron, Rochester, LaPorte, and Wabash. At the time of her death they were living with John's family 7 miles northeast of Akron. She was a very loving person. She is buried at Nichols cemetery near Akron.

Anna and John had 7 children.

- A. Merritt (b. Feb 12, 1901) (d. Feb 2, 1982)
- B. Russell Merley (b. Aug, 1904) (d. Feb 24, 1933)
- C. Donald LeRoy (b. Feb 9, 1905) (d. Feb 16, 1905)
- D. Paul Eugene (b. Jan 10, 1908) (d. Jan, 1951)
- E. Frank Denton (b. Feb 10, 1910) (d. Sept 19, 1955)
- F. Robert Taft (b. Apr 7, 1913)
- G. Richard Jackson (b. Feb 7, 1918)

A. Merritt married Gertrude Rysdorp on Apr 4, 1925.  
They had 2 children.

1. Berta (b. Jan 19, 1926)  
married Robert Colby  
a. Thomas Daniel (b. Nov 2, 1967)
2. Joanne (b. Jan 23, 1931)  
married Robert Stonefield in 1949  
a. Steven Gary (b. Aug 15, 1949)  
married Peggy Mae Kirk on May 8, 1971  
1) Sarah Gail (b. Oct 18, 1974)  
2) Carrie Mae (b. Nov 21, 1975)  
3) Jessica Marion (b. Feb 27, 1979)

then married John Hosa

- b. John Merritt (b. Dec 4, 1955)  
married Carol Boldizsar on May 29, 1976  
1) John William (b. Jun 1, 1977)  
2) Michael Merritt (b. Aug 14, 1982)

c. Janet Lauren (b. Aug 22, 1960)

d. Peter James (b. Aug 26, 1963)

B. Russell (Bud) - never married

C. Donald - died in infancy

D. Paul married Violet Josephine Daven on Aug 3, 1935.  
They had 2 children.

1. Paul Eugene (b. Sept 7, 1940)  
first married Jen Chang Chun (Margie Jen)  
a. Richard Jen (b. Mar 31, 1964)  
then married Patricia Ann Collins on Nov 15, 1979  
b. Kevin Eugene (b. Dec 26, 1975)
2. Mary Anne (b. Jan 6, 1943)  
married Ronald Edwin Avery on Jun 23, 1962  
a. Becky Darlene (b. Jan 21, 1965)  
b. Sharon Christine (b. Nov 3, 1969)

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VIII. ANNA M. MERLEY BARNES (continued)

E. Frank (Fritz) - never married

F. Robert married Leaha Hettzmanberger on Nov 17, 1937.  
They had 3 children.

1. Robert Francis (b. Mar 19, 1939)  
married Sandra Irwin in 1958
    - a. Robert Eric (b. Sept 27, 1958)
    - b. Robin Elizabeth (b. Mar 15, 1962)
    - c. Steven Christopher (b. Nov 4, 1965)
  2. John Philip (b. May 17, 1945)  
married Marilyn Bougher on Mar 9, 1968
    - a. Michelle Lynn (b. Aug 21, 1968)
    - b. Jennifer Ann (b. Feb 5, 1972)
  3. Marianne (b. Nov 8, 1946)  
married Donald Cole on Nov 27, 1965
    - a. Michael Bradley (b. Apr 22, 1966)
    - b. Jason Todd (b. Jan 17, 1970) (d. Jan 20, 1970)
    - c. Alyssa Leanne (b. Aug 22, 1972)
- G. Richard (Jack) married Mary Adahleen White on Jan 7, 1942.
1. Elizabeth Louise (b. Oct 15, 1942)  
married E. DeWayne Oakes on Jan 21, 1962
    - a. Richard Edward (Ted) (b. Oct 21, 1964)
    - b. Mary Anne Lucille (b. Nov 30, 1966)
    - c. John Robert DeWayne (b. Nov 6, 1968)
  2. Karen Ann (b. Jan 8, 1947)  
married Richard D. Gorrell on Feb 14, 1972
  3. Richard Clyde (b. Jun 28, 1951)  
married Linda Wood on Jul 17, 1971
    - a. Derek Aaron (b. Feb 7, 1972)
    - b. Ian David (b. Jun 8, 1977)
    - c. Myah Adahleen (b. Apr 25, 1979)

IX. MARY EMMA MERLEY SRIVER

Mary Emma was born on November 2, 1880 near Millark.  
She married John Sriver in Miami Co. on February 19, 1897.  
He was a farmer in the Akron area. Emma was a good woman.  
She was rather reserved and shy, and yet a good hostess.  
She was living in Kosciusko Co. when she died in 1959.

Emma and John had 7 children.

- A. Estil (b. Jan 22, 1899)
- B. Cloyd (b. Dec 23, 1899) (d. 1968)
- C. Nondes (b. Jul 12, 1903)
- D. Harry (b. Feb 25, 1906)
- E. Orville (b. Dec 4, 1907)
- F. Robert (b. Mar 22, 1911) (d. 1931)
- G. Garland (b. Jul 5, 1914)

A. Estil married Anna Kroft on Jun 4, 1921. They had 4 children.

- 1. Jim (b. Jun 10, 1935)  
married Marge Flucky  
a. Jim

b. Michele

c. Jennifer

- 2. Mary (b. 1930)  
married Joe Grant  
a. Dan

b. Deb

c. Kim

d. Joni

e. Julie

f. Jeff

g. David

- 3. Geneva  
married Fred Hamilton

- 4. John (b. 1923)  
married Ruby Baer  
a. Bobby Lee

b. Susie

c. Judy

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IX. MARY EMMA MERLEY SRIVER (continued)

- B. Cloyd married Anna Harrington. They had 1 child.
  - 1. Robert Eugene (b. Dec 6, 1933)  
married Nancy Lee Crisslep on Jun 9, 1956
    - a. Deborah Anne (b. Jun 15, 1960)
    - b. Cynthia Lee (b. Feb 24, 1962)
    - c. Robert E. Jr. (b. Jan 9, 1970)
- C. Nondes married Jewell Fites in 1935. They had 1 child.
  - 1. Larry Lynn (b. Sept 28, 1937)  
married Carol Elizabeth Rathburn on May 26, 1962.
    - a. Erin Elizabeth (b. May 31, 1969)
    - b. Leigh Anne (b. Jun 11, 1970)
- D. Harry married Nadine Roe in 1934. They had 2 children.
  - 1. Monte Roe (b. Dec 20, 1939)  
married Patricia Edison in 1965
    - a. Todd Allen (b. 1967)
    - b. Scott William (b. 1970)
    - c. Ryan Lynn (b. 1978)
  - 2. Janalene Jo (b. Mar 22, 1941)  
married Loren Ray Hopping in 1962
    - a. David Ray (b. 1963)
    - b. Mark Andrew (b. 1969)
- E. Orville married Claudia Rhoades in 1934. They had 2 children.
  - 1. Gary (b. Jan 23, 1938)  
married Tamara Hand in 1957
    - a. Shawn (b. c1961) adopted
    - b. Letisha (b. c1964) adopted
    - c. Josh (b. Dec 14, 1975)
    - d. Madasha (b. Jun 14, 1976)
  - 2. Randy (b. Jan 7, 1942)  
married Judith Harrell in Jun, 1964
    - a. Lisa Renee (b. May 8, 1965)
    - b. Matthew Christopher (b. Jun 29, 1969)
- F. Robert - never married

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IX. MARY EMMA MERLEY SRIVER (continued)

- G. Garland married Delores Halterman. They had 2 children.
1. Kathy Sue (b. Mar 18, 1949)  
married James A. Teel on Sept 3, 1967
    - a. Lori Elizabeth (b. May 30, 1968)
    - b. Kelly Leann (b. Nov 25, 1970)
  2. Martha Diane (b. Aug 27, 1943)  
married Gary David Parker on Jul 27, 1963
    - a. Penny Renee (b. Feb 20, 1966)
    - b. Christopher Kent (b. Jul 3, 1969)

X. ELENORA (NORA) MERLEY FERNBAUGH

Nora was born on February 21, 1884 near Gilead. She married Henry W. Fernbaugh on February 14, 1905. They stayed with Casper for a while, then bought a farm near Leiter's Ford. After Henry died, she moved into Akron. She was a good cook and good to visit. She had a good sense of humor. She died in Akron in 1954 and is buried in Akron at the IOOF.

Nora had 1 daughter, Dora Glen. (b. Jan 2, 1902) (d. Apr, 1958)

A. Glen married Dewey D. Hoffman. They had 2 sons.

1. Dewey D. Jr. (b. Nov 13, 1925)  
first married Doris J. Eagleson on Jun 7, 1947
  - a. Timothy L. (b. Aug 19, 1950)  
first married Julie Sutton in Oct, 1974
    - 1) Christie Marie (b. Jun 8, 1978)  
then married Debra Coles in Dec, 1979
    - 2) Andrew D. (b. May 8, 1981)
  - b. Thomas S. (b. Aug 6, 1955)  
married Connie Elkert in Sept, 1976-divorced  
then married Mary L. Cornelius Morrett on May 16, 1975
2. Harold H. (b. Jan 7, 1939)  
married Carol Elnor Shafer on Nov 24, 1962
  - a. Peri M. (b. Jul 21, 1966)
  - b. Jeri H. (b. Apr 17, 1969)
  - c. Heidi H. (b. Dec 5, 1974)

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This is information about Casper's siblings that I found enroute to researching Casper. It is far from complete but I am including it in hopes that it will help others who want to do more research.

Some say that Merley is an Americanized spelling - that the German spelling was Merlicth/Merlicht or perhaps Ehrlich/Ehrlicht.

Verner's name was spelled "Marley" in several older records.

John and Anna Swain Merley lived in Germany (exact location not yet determined) during the first half of the 1830's. To them were born at least 3 children:

1. Catherine  
born Feb 18, 1838 in Bearfer, Germany, Kingdom Prussia  
died Nov 25, 1898  
married Apr 17, 1864 to John Kuhn (in Germany)  
emigrated in 1865 with Casper and Dorothea  
settled in Marshall County  
children:
  - a. Caroline (b. c1865) (d. c1946) (m. Herbick, 1890)
  - b. Elizabeth (b. c1868) (d. ?) (m. Whisman, 1889)
  - c. Mary (b. c1871) (d. ?) (m. Stockberger, 1889)
  - d. Anna (b. c1874) (d. 1958) (m. Packer, 1895)
  - e. Ida May (b. c1878) (d. 1967) (m. John Urschel, 1901)
  - f. Luther
  - g. infant female
  - h. infant male
2. Casper  
born Oct 21, 1840  
died Dec 3, 1926 in Miami Co, IN  
married before 1864 to Dorothea Clape  
emigrated in 1865 with Catherine and John Kuhn  
settled in Miami County  
(children listed previously)
3. Verner (also found spellings of Werner/Venner/Vanner)  
born Nov 30, 1843 near Hasse Castle, Germany  
died May 31, 1895, buried IOOF at Deedsville  
married 1869 to Anna Catherine Swain  
emigrated in 1868 to Hilltown, near Peru, IN  
children:
  - a. Dora (b. 1869) (d. 1917) (m. Charles Clinton Dell)  
buried IOOF, Deedsville
  - b. John M. (b. 1870) (d. 1950) (buried at Macy)  
m. Jennie M. Harding/Ola Babb
  - c. George (b. c1872) (d. ?) (m. Nora E. Poer)
  - d. Rosella (Rosa) E. (b. c1874) (d. ?) (m. Angus Baker)
  - e. Henry W. (b. 1878) (d. 1896) buried IOOF-Deedsville
  - f. Ora (Orrin E.) (Daniel) (b. 1880) (d. ?)
  - g. Nellie J. (b. 1882) (d. 1910) (m. William Kannada)  
buried IOOF-Deedsville
  - h. Cleveland (Clevy) (b. 1884) (d. 1897)  
buried IOOF-Deedsville

(this information is from census records, newspaper obituaries, cemeteries)

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31.

AVAILABLE ADDRESS OF MERLEY FAMILY MEMBERS  
(compiled autumn of 1982)

Mary Anne Barnes Avery  
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Jack Barnes  
R 2  
Ossian, In 46777

John Barnes  
2213 Pebble Beach Dr.  
Kokomo, IN 46901

Richard C. Barnes  
4319 Indiana Av.  
Fort Wayne, IN

Robert Barnes, Sr.  
1605 N. Wabash  
Wabash, IN 46992

Mary Elizabeth Shunk Black  
23305 Williams Av.  
Cleveland, OH 44123

Rosemarie Murphy Bradley  
94 Balfour Dr.  
Coldwater, MI 49036

Berta Barnes Colby  
4223 Keystone  
Lynchburg, VA 24503

Marianne Barnes Cole  
330 Birchwood Court  
Wabash, IN 46992

Betty Murphy Conner  
154 E. 3rd St  
Peru, IN 46970

Cynthia Jamison Craigo  
2605 Southdale  
Elkhart, IN

Renee Wiltshire Dawalt  
RR  
Macy, IN 46951

Mary Elizabeth Merley Derring  
Akron, IN 46910

Betsy Murphy Dhuyvetter  
30 Chipmunk Ln  
Ridgefield, CT 06877

the Richard Drudge family  
Akron, IN 46910

Karna Kay Taylor Dubois  
Akron, IN 46910

Suzan Kay Merley Fincher  
Macy, IN 46951

Nondes Sriver Fites  
2719 S. Burdick  
Ridgewood Apt.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Larry Fites  
2315 Plymouth Lane  
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Joe Geiger  
514 Keene Ln  
Taft, CA 93268

Karen Barnes Gorrell  
816 Winters Rd.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46816

Betty Gray (widow of Harold Murphy)  
H-11 Shady Lane  
Swan Lake Village  
Bradenton, FL 33507

Marlene Geiger Harr  
3307 Pacer St.  
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Patricia Murphy Hatch  
5418 Hoffman Pl.  
Spokane, WA 99205

Martha Merley Henning  
157 W. 3rd St. Apt 24  
Waukesha, WI 53186

Joanne Merley Hiles  
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Rochester, IN 46975

Dewey D. Hoffman, Jr.  
4911W - 539W  
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Huntington, IN 46753



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R 1  
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GeNelle Taylor Hoffman  
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Ronnie Hoffman  
Akron, IN 46910

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Joanne Barnes Hosa  
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Euclid, OH 44123

John M. Hosa  
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Euclid, OH

Stephen Hosa  
% 22550 Lakemont  
Euclid, OH 44123

Jeffery Jamison  
58677 Palace Ln  
R 2  
Elkhart, IN 46517

Jerry Jamison  
233 Kenyon Av  
Elkhart, IN 46517

John Jamison  
1439 Kilbourn  
Elkhart, IN 46514

Larry Jamison  
3315 Clayton Av.  
Elkhart, IN 46517

Richard Jamison  
RR  
Edwardsburg, MI

Willard Jamison  
R1 61614 CR3  
Elkhart, IN

William Jamison  
705 W. Vistula  
Bristol, IN 46507

Patricia Merley Johnson  
R 2  
Metamora, IL 61548

Katherine Merley Kerlikowske  
5503 Fountain Lake Circle  
Unit A 108  
Brandenton, FL 33507

Norma Lee Sheuman Kinley  
Denver, IN 46926

Dorothea Merley Kitson  
R. 4 83 E. Shore Dr.  
Syracuse, IN 46567

Frederick Lantz  
55892 Riverdale Dr.  
Elkhart, IN 46514

Jack Lantz  
21369 Beechdale Rd.  
Flat Rock, MI 48134

Steven Lantz  
3530 27th Pl. W.  
Seattle, WA 98199

Bill Merley  
R 2  
Akron, IN 46910

Bill Merley, Jr.  
P. O. Box  
Batesville, IN

Dewey Merley  
Akron, IN 46910

Gene Merley  
456 Hilton Dr.  
Madison, WI 53701

John D. Merley  
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Akron, IN 46910

Leroy Casper Merley  
R 2  
Rochester, IN 46975

Mark Merley  
R 2  
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New Carlisle, IN 46552

Mrs. Sam Merley  
Akron, IN 46910

Ted Merley  
R 1  
Macy, IN 46951

Deidre Washington Morton  
203 Kensington Rd.  
Greensboro, N.C. 27403

Charles Edward Murphy  
1702 Pitt Av  
Johnstown, PA 15905

Dean Ellis Murphy  
R 8, Box 437-L33  
St. Augustine, FL 32004

Harold Murphy's widow is:  
Betty Gray  
H-11 Shady Ln  
Swan Lake Village  
Bradenton, FL 33507

James Murphy  
P. O. Box 291  
Dale, IN 47523

Ralph Murphy  
1601 Evergreen Pl.  
Elkhart, IN 46514

Robert Murphy  
400 W. Blvd.  
Elkhart, IN 46514

Mrs. Warren Murphy  
1261 N.E. 184th St.  
Seattle, WA 98155

Donnabelle Geiger Newell  
29814 Old Hwy A  
Burlington, WI 53105

Jacqueline Murphy Nicholls  
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Bothell, WA 98011

Elizabeth (Betty) Barnes Oakes  
Box 188  
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Eldon Rager  
RR  
N. Manchester, IN

Philip Rager  
964 Bridge St.  
Portland, IN

Mary Irene Merley Rager  
St. Rd. 14 E.  
Akron, IN 46910

Laura Rager Reese  
R 1  
Akron, IN 46910

Verla Jean Rager Rice  
R 2  
Hartford City, IN 47348

Kathy Washington Rosenfeld  
1449 Forest Glen Dr.  
Lewisville, TX 75067

June Stametz Ross  
1829A Gehrke Rd.  
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Laura Washington Russell  
12245 S. 600 East  
Lafayette, IN

Joyce Geiger Scott  
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Con Sheuman  
Akron, IN 46910

Harold Sheuman  
R 1  
Akron, IN 46910

Ralph Sheuman  
Akron, IN 46910

Ruby Merley Sheuman  
R 3  
Peru, IN 46970

Stanley Sheuman  
Akron, IN 46910

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William Sheuman  
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Estil Sriver  
Akron, IN 46910

Garland Sriver  
Akron, IN 46910

Gary Sriver  
RR  
Noblesville, IN

Harry Sriver  
R 5  
Rochester, IN 46975

Orville Sriver  
Akron, IN 46910

Dr. Robert Sriver  
2520 Rivera Dr.  
Mishawaka, IN 46544

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R 413  
Littleton, CO 80120

Jane Murphy Switalski  
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Charles Taylor  
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Clennon E. Taylor  
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Buena Park, CA 90620

Emmitt Taylor  
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Randy Taylor  
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Marion, IN 46952

Stephen Taylor  
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Danny Washington  
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Lafayette, IN

David D. Washington  
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George D. Washington  
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Gordon Lee Washington  
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Jack Duane Washington  
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Kenn Washington  
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Mike Washington  
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Tedd Washington  
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Merley

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Harry & Margaret Hammerel lived  
in Aurora when first married

Mary, Lena & Anthony born in  
Kane County, Aurora, Ill. Moved  
to Chicago on Petersen Ave (2 houses  
West of Damen on Petersen Ave.)

I then moved to New Mexico (1904)  
and stayed probably 3 months (Grandma  
shot her Dad's gun at a barn at age 5 -  
was really spanked) Moved back to  
Chicago to 6016 Damen Ave. (Robin Street  
then) Moved to Bristol, Ind. (around 1911)  
around 1912 Harry H. & mother died &  
Margaret & H. took him to the train  
in Elkhart to go to Aurora (Lena went).  
He drove a "spring" wagon.

Burlington train from Chicago to Aurora.  
Grandma & Anthony & Lena came with  
parents to Chicago Art Institute  
to see the Wright Brothers airplane.

Lived on a farm south of Bristol (house  
burned down - moved into a Judson farm  
house - where Margaret Elizabeth Kiddy born.  
Margaret baptized at St. Vincent's Church

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Paid \$19.00 for wedding shoes &  
had a black velvet hat & pink  
underneath trim. Pink wedding dress.  
Sept. 28, 1920 - Thadna got married.  
Winners side of an election had  
a bonfire after a political election.

Married in Division Street  
Grace Methodist Church in Elkhart.  
Lena & Anthony were only ones to  
attend wedding. Weddings (big weddings)  
were not had at that time. Parents didn't  
go to weddings.

Took Interurban from Elkhart  
to Akron wedding day. Visit Ernest  
parents in Akron & then took train  
to Chillicothe, Ohio.

There Thadna drank some wine  
& got drunk. She stepped real high  
around dining room table. Visited  
Ernest's cousins in Chillicothe, Ohio.  
Had a week's honeymoon.

Ernest worked ~~on~~ <sup>for</sup> railroad for years.  
Elen worked in a factory <sup>foundry</sup> that failed. Then  
got the job of Town Marshall for  
26 years (until he died)

Paid 5¢ to ride in a car in Lincoln  
Park as a child - a real treat  
A truck visited their house & everyone  
came in the neighborhood to see it.  
Ice cream & waffle vendors visited  
the house to sell.  
Had gas lamps to light the  
streets in Chicago.  
Margaret Kuden Hammer had  
a lady to wash clothes & another  
to do the sewing.

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Margaret center of attention for years.  
a good kid & so on.

Moved Bristol, Pa. to Prairie Street in  
Elkhart & sold house & moved to  
house ~~on~~ on Indiana Ave. Elkhart.  
Mary B. Luning <sup>Lena</sup> married from there.  
Grandma & Lena shared an apartment  
in Elkhart while they worked Dossard  
Plant (off South Main on Stelling Ave.)

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John Lantz & Barbara<sup>?</sup>  
↓ → removed to Mrs. Rager  
Joseph Lantz & Louisa Merley  
↓ → Germany  
I.O.O.F. Cemetery  
Ernest, Eva, John, Liri, Willis,  
Herb, Emma, Joseph

All this history in Dads  
Bible that he originally gave  
to Grandma Leininga for her  
birthday while he was in service.

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Harry Hammerel lost all 4  
fingers (tips) in a mill stop - He  
was a tool & die maker.

Phyllis W. Smith & Dad as babies  
were put together in a basket while  
the funeral for Harry Hammerel in  
Elkhart.

<sup>Harry & Margaret Hammerel</sup>  
Sold everything in Chicago &  
moved to New Mexico after a showing  
of the 'great' life out West. Lived  
in a fenced in area (8 ft high fence)  
with 3 other houses. Grandma visited  
something like a trading post that  
was a store.

Margaret Kitchen Hammerel wanted  
the best of everything. Good clothes  
etc.

Harry Hammerel - quiet ~~unassuming~~  
unassuming man, who kept to his  
own business.



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*From Washington to Idaho  
to Oregon to California.*

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Margaret Kirchen Hammerel  
said Grandma was moving to a  
'God forsaken place' - (Akron) when  
she got married. Slept on a straw-  
tick. Didn't bother Grandma moving  
there.

Margaret Kirchen didn't like  
the English "duty English" or the  
Germans  
(duty housekeepers)

Margaret Kirchen stressed music -  
piano, organ-pumps,

Catholic raised - but not beat with it  
Introduced to the Methodists in  
Elkhart by girlfriends.

Margaret Kirchen - Orego,  
Washington, California, Idaho  
→ Invested in mines in Idaho

Nick Molitor married Margaret  
Kirchen & died in Washington

(over) →

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6016 N. DAMEN -  
in Chicago, Ill.  
Grandma Lanning (Lant)  
house as a child in Chicago

Harry Hammel came to America  
when he was 11 yrs. old. (thinks he  
stopped at Ellis Island) - Went to Aurora,  
Ill.

(Schubert's - a gathering of people or  
festival is where Margaret Kirchen & Harry  
Hammel met - in Chicago - Luxemburg)

Margaret Kirchen - 19<sup>2</sup> yrs. old when  
she came to America. Married at 24 yrs  
old. in Chicago (married in St. Henry's  
Church at Devon & Clark Street)

Lived in Milwaukee, Wis. to visit  
some uncles. Then came to Chicago to  
visit another uncle. Got a job in Evanston.  
She was a writer & journalist in Luxemburg.  
Margaret's father. Got all six daughters came  
to visit in America, all went back except Ling & Margaret.  
Her father died of heart attack while she was visiting America.  
Margaret

77	1977	1923	World War I - two sisters put in conservation camp
63	54	40	
14	1923	1883	

at Margaret's N. L. house

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Harry Hammarel died about 1923  
of ~~born 1872~~ <sup>born 1872</sup> Lutzembourg  
married

Margaret Kirchner in 1896  
4 children born <sup>young sister Lutz.</sup>

~~Mary~~ Barbara ~~Sept. 26 - 1899~~

Lena Elizabeth Mary 12 - 1902

Anthony Cornelious Nov. 16 - 1904

Margaret ? Jan 24 - 1914

Harry died 1923 of failure heart

~~that~~ Margaret (my mother)

died 1937 <sup>Nov 1944</sup> my father's mother

died ~~1912~~ about 1912 ~~born about 1870~~

father died 1883 about <sup>(Mary Barbara Hammarel)</sup>

my father's mother came to America

in 1885 (about) she is buried in North Aurora

his father in Lutzembourg

born I can't remember

His mother lived in Aurora Ill. until

her death. His only sister Barbara

lived + died in Aurora.

He had no brothers

L.  
Grandma Kant

Lena Kuchen's daughter  
Kate Kathryn Fetzner  
406 W. State St.  
North Aurora, Ill.  
60542

May Barbara Leiningen  
↑  
Harry Hammel's sister's name  
Harry Hammel had one sister  
and no brothers

2) Byers school in Paris -  
did writing what school?

Margaret Kuchen's father  
died just after she arrived  
in America at age 19.

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I got this information  
from Lena

John Kirchen my grand <sup>parents</sup> Elizabeth Colfax  
on mother's side

Margaret Kirchen mother <sup>(5 sisters & brother)</sup>  
born at Young Lenox Luxemburg  
Jan 1872 died 1943 at Elkhart Ind.  
Pasadena Cal.

My mother's family Grandma L  
came to America age 19

<sup>married</sup>  
Cornelius Hammerel - Mary Modoff

My father Harry Hammerel  
Weffingen in born 1871 - 1923 died Elkhart Ind.  
Luxemburg

My father's family 1 sister  
Grandma L came to America age 11

I so thoroughly enjoyed Sun. P. M. at your house.  
I haven't gotten over it yet. Wish she would have  
been free. We got our paper yesterday. It's Thursday  
this A. M. Looks awfully rainy out. We were  
very lucky to have such a nice holiday  
week end. Guess there's no news.

Love Grandma L

Lena wondered if you could buy her one  
of these Luxemburg books. Over

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This is the history Carlisle Herlihy wrote about the Merley family. our parents were born and reared up in Germany they came to this country in the fall of 1865 came across the Ocean in a sail ship, only being on the water 10 days the ship sank and they were taken to an Island and stayed there 3 wks. till another ship arrived. they were 9 wks sailing they arrived in New York, and they came to Peru by rail way. then from Peru they walked to a cousin of our Grand Fathers by the name of Henry Merley who lived near Perry's Burg. they stayed there a few weeks to clean up and rest then they went to Marshall County to uncle Micholam Richey they built a log house and stayed a while then they moved in a double log house near Perry's Burg 1 year then my folks cleared a farm of 40 acres of timber built a log house & log Barn cleared it up in 2 years and lived there 6 years. from there they moved to Marshall County where they bought a farm in 1876 and to them were born 7 children 2 Boys & 5 Girls Infant, Luther, Cathern, Carlisle, Bizzie, Mary, Anna, Ida

five of them are living. They lived there till  
Mother passed away in 1898. later Father sold  
the farm and went to live with his sister  
unt Bessie Iler you know her he lived with  
her 19 years he passed away in 1925-

Uncle Casper Merley leaving the double house  
moved on a farm near Millark and from there  
he bought the farm the Old Home stead where  
they lived the rest of there days. to them  
were Born 10 children 4 Boys & girls

Henry. Cathern. William. Charles Frank. Louisa  
Elizabeth. Anna. Emma. Elvora 4 of them living  
then the other Brother Uncle Vaner Merley  
came to This Country in 1868 settled in a  
neighbor-hood called Hill Town, and was a  
well digger he dug a lot of wells and later  
he bought a farm in the same neighbor-hood  
and they lived there the rest of their days

and to them were Born 8 children 5 Boys & 3 girls  
John. George. Henry. Cleve. Ora. Nora. Rosella  
Vellie.

Carlina wanted some one to  
take this or but I guess no one did.

Carlina's Mother was a sister to my father  
and Vaner Merley. and Bessie Iler was a  
sister to Carlina's father John Kuhn



Carlene sent this to me  
in July 1945.

there has been a lot happened since then  
I just thought you might be glad to read it

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